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BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

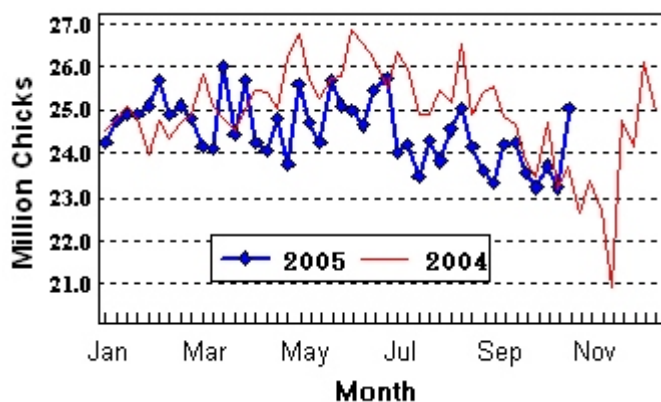
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.1 million during the week ending October 29, 2005. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and up 8 percent from the previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through October 29, 2005 were 1.08 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.8 million, up 5 percent both from the corresponding week a year earlier, and from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.3 percent.

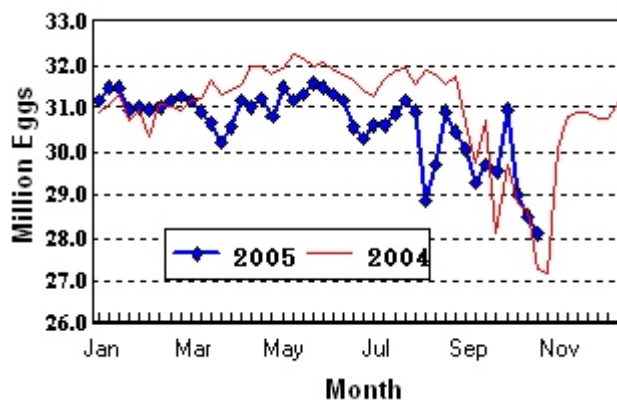
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 29, 2005, up 3 percent from the same period last year, but down 2 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 24	24,656	24,271	98	26,187	25,383	97	30,719	29,694	97
Oct. 1	23,806	23,578	99	25,457	25,016	98	28,103	29,550	105
Oct. 8	23,492	23,250	99	25,524	24,379	99	29,684	30,967	104
Oct. 15	24,724	23,736	96	25,353	24,548	97	28,802	29,003	101
Oct. 22	23,205	23,224	100	23,259	24,472	105	28,574	28,489	100
Oct. 29	23,732	25,076	106	24,573	25,779	105	27,242	28,060	103

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	08-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct		24-Sep	01-Oct	08-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct	
Alabama	29,866 *	30,242	30,901	29,661	107	20,919	20,289	21,140	20,939 *	21,642 *	20,911	104
ARKANSAS	30,967	29,003	28,489	28,060	103	24,271	23,578	23,250	23,736	23,224	25,076	106
Delaware	3,810	3,767	3,690	3,289	94	5,449	5,481	5,142	5,466	5,940	5,289	97
Florida	1,389 *	1,384	1,379	1,383	103	1,325	1,527	1,492	1,471	1,583	1,566	100
Georgia	33,739	32,431	31,484	31,773	102	26,700	27,674	25,903	26,400	25,995	25,979	102
Kentucky	6,745	5,986	6,136	6,910	97	5,848	6,101	5,344	6,127	5,711	5,993	100
Louisiana	4,136	4,136	3,834	4,136	104	4,104	4,052	3,260	3,381	3,993	3,871	108
Maryland	8,670	8,813	8,737	8,467	99	5,160	5,133	5,296	4,958	4,679	5,388	114
Mississippi	17,998 *	16,951	17,912 *	16,619	96	15,364	15,386	15,415	16,535	15,641 *	15,771	95
N. Carolina	17,483 *	17,334	17,914	18,493	103	13,654	13,963	13,917	14,620	14,691	13,856	105
Oklahoma	6,496	6,590	6,619	6,330	104	4,491	5,060	5,028	3,965	4,566	5,219	110
Pennsylvania	4,190	3,938 *	3,850 *	3,967	101	3,073	3,093	2,784	2,913 *	3,096 *	2,976	106
S. Carolina	4,939	5,093	5,029	4,471	101	4,739	3,773	4,476	3,630	4,838	5,049	111
Texas	14,561	14,806	13,642	14,115	97	12,633	12,496	12,299	12,960	10,369	12,099	98
Virginia	6,245	6,009	6,190	6,373	106	5,288	5,034	4,925	4,922	4,651	5,013	98
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,541	17,101	17,069	17,363	104	17,618 *	17,324 *	16,231 *	16,232 *	15,614 *	15,916	103
Total 2005	209,775 *	203,584 *	202,875 *	201,410		170,636 *	169,964 *	165,902 *	168,255 *	166,233 *	169,972	
Total 2004	203,011	196,265	194,298	197,554		172,022	165,909	160,797	164,297	164,597	165,442	
%Prev. Year	103	104	104	102		99	102	103	102	101	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov	03-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 201 million eggs during the week ending October 29, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 29, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through October 29, 2005 were 7.51 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.